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Annotated provisional agenda

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to the preparation of a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

The Committee will elect its presiding officers from among its members, one from a developing country and another one from a developed country.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Committee will adopt the agenda.

It will also discuss and adopt its modalities of work, on the basis of the draft modalities of work sent to Committee members by the Office of the President of the General Assembly ahead of the first session.

The Committee will discuss and agree on consultation modalities, in accordance with paragraph 255 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 66/288, in which the Assembly endorsed the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which calls for the intergovernmental process to be carried out in open and broad consultation with relevant international and regional financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders.

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The Committee will discuss and adopt its programme of work for the period that spans the whole duration of its work. An indicative programme of work, including a proposal of dates for future sessions of the Committee, is included in the annex to the present report.

3. **Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to the preparation of a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives**

The Committee will organize its work around key issues related to financing for sustainable development. A proposal for clustering of issues is outlined in the proposed programme of work, which spans the whole duration of the work of the Committee as set out in the annex to the present report.

4. **Other matters**

The Committee will discuss, if necessary, other matters not covered in this agenda.

5. **Adoption of the report**

At the end of its work, the Committee will adopt its report. The report will then be considered by the General Assembly for appropriate action.

Annex

Proposed programme of work for the whole duration of the work of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (2013-2014)

1. The present document aims to help the planning of the work of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing.

2. The suggested programme of work below suggests four sessions of five days in addition to a first session of three days. The fifth and last session of the Committee would be devoted to the finalization of the report.

3. It is suggested that the Committee consider organizing working subgroups that would follow specific clusters of topics. Participants in the working subgroups would conduct work between the official sessions of the Committee, with support from the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system. Each subgroup would report to the Committee on the advancement of its work at official sessions. This format would allow for simultaneous work on all the relevant topics of work, allowing the Committee to make the most of the limited duration of its work, and enabling more interactive and dynamic discussions at official sessions of the Committee.

Proposal for clustering of issues

4. Below is a proposal for four clusters of topics, which may constitute the basis for a division of work among working group, should the Committee choose to follow this option.

Cluster 1: Assessing financing needs for sustainable development

- Financing needs by sector and area
- Financing needs for the management of global commons
- Financing needs for different categories of countries (African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States, high- and middle-income countries).

Cluster 2: Improving the effectiveness of public, private and blended finance

Public finance

- Official development assistance, other development finance
- Multilateral and regional sources and development banks
- National sources, including national development banks
- Coverage, coherence and consistency of international public financing frameworks for climate, biodiversity, land degradation, oceans, forests and chemicals
- Questions of public domestic finance: tax systems and other public income; subsidies; reserves; regulatory changes to foster sustainable development and

increase public national finance; national sources, including national development banks

Private finance

- Changing finance: making finance, investment and insurance work better for sustainable development
- Role of different investors and instruments
- Long-term finance for infrastructure, innovation and low-carbon investment
- Local financial market development and inclusive finance

Blended finance

- Role of the public sector in incentivizing and leveraging private sector investment
- Effectiveness and synergies of public, blended and private finance instruments and policies at the national level
- Blended finance by sector/area, including financing for natural disaster risk management

Efficiency and effectiveness

- Transparency, measurement, accountability
- How to build upon discussions ongoing in the framework of the Busan Global Partnership

Cluster 3: Resource mobilization

- Domestic resource mobilization
- Official development assistance
- Private flows
- International tax cooperation, combating tax evasion and illicit capital flows
- Innovative international sources of financing

Cluster 4: Institutional arrangements

- Key elements of a financing framework for the sustainable development goals
- Mutual accountability for sustainable development finance
- Enhancing a post-2015 information system for development cooperation

Draft programme of work for 2013-2014

First session, 28 to 30 August 2013

Day 1

- Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly
- Election of co-Chairs
- Statements by the co-Chairs and the Assistant Secretary-General

- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of modalities of work
- Adoption of programme of work

Day 2

- Discussion of the scope of work:

  Cluster 1: Assessing financing needs for sustainable development

  Cluster 2: Improving the effectiveness of public, private and blended finance

  Cluster 3: Resource mobilization

  Cluster 4: Institutional arrangements

Day 3

- Discussion of the scope of work
- Assessment of support to be requested from the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system, including analytical inputs
- Other matters
- Closure of the session

Subsequent sessions of the Committee[a]

Second session

Days 1-4

- Stocktaking of inputs received by the Committee
- Reporting and discussion on areas of work

Day 5

- Discussion of scope of work: further areas for investigation
- Assessment of analytical inputs to be requested from the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system
- Other matters

Third session

Days 1-3

- Stocktaking of inputs received by the Committee
- Reporting and discussion on areas of work

[a] Available dates proposed by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management are as follows: second session, 2-6 December 2013; third session, 3-7 March 2014; fourth session, 12-16 May 2014; fifth session, late July-early August 2014.

Days 4-5

- Discussion on the main messages and outline of report
- Discussion of content for the report and detailed recommendations for areas of work
- Assessment of support to be requested from the Secretariat for the drafting of the report

Fourth session

Days 1-3

Reporting and discussion on areas of work

Day 4

Review of the first draft of the report and directions for improvement

Day 5

- Review of the first draft of the report and directions for improvement (continued)
- Assessment of support to be requested from the Secretariat for the drafting of the report
- Other matters

Fifth session

Days 1-4

Review of the final draft of the report and final modifications

Day 5

Validation and adoption of the final draft of the report